1	2	3	4
32.	Champaran		207379
33.	Purbi Champaran		263878
34.	Saharsa		94379
35.	Saran		215134
36.	Sheikhpura		11171
37.	Sitamarhi		37700
38.	Siwan		54302
	TOTAL	1688899	3860604

Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme

1051. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension' is implemented in all State;

(b) if so, the details of State-wise number of beneficiaries and whether the number estimated by Government of Kerala and the Ministry of Rural Development are different;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the difference; and

(d) whether Government will consider giving pension to all persons as per the estimation of Government of Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State-wise number of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) at present is given at annexure in the statement (*See* below). The estimated number of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS as per 2004-05 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and projected population of the State as on 1.3.2006 for Kerala was 393000. However, the State Government of Kerala has intimated 7,22,801 number of people who are in the BPL List and 65 years or higher as per the preliminary survey reports held by the State Government agencies.

(d) The State Government has been requested to cross check and rationalise the number of additional beneficiaries. All those persons who fulfill the eligibility criteria as per the guidelines of the scheme will be covered under IGNOAPS.

Statement

Number of beneficiaries reported by the States/UTs under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) during 2008-09

Sl.No.	States/UTs	No. of beneficiaries reported
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	919230
2.	Bihar	1601436
3.	Chhattisgarh	449501
4.	Goa	2687
5.	Gujarat	64932
6.	Haryana	130306
7.	Himachal Pradesh	70871
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	72038
9.	Jharkhand	643003
10.	Karnataka	769463
11.	Kerala	141956
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1396213
13.	Maharashtra	845835
14.	Orissa	643400
15.	Punjab	166689
16.	Rajasthan	466629
17.	Tamil Nadu	988761
18.	Uttar Pradesh	2624256
19.	Uttaranchal	93998
20.	West Bengal	956153
	North Eastern States	
21.	Arunachal Pradesh	14500
22.	Assam	628949
23.	Manipur	72514
24.	Meghalaya	18740

1	2	3
25.	Mizoram	15516
26.	Nagaland	28053
27.	Sikkim	15169
28.	Tripura	136592
	Uts.	
29.	Andaman and Nicoar Islands	702
30.	Chandigarh	4036
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	6956
32.	Daman and Diu	630
33.	NCT Delhi	94000
34.	Lakshadweep	142
35.	Pondicherry	3356
	TOTAL:	14087212

Pension of old handicapped and destitutes

†1052. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken any steps to formulate a national pension policy for the old, handicapped and destitutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, pension is now being granted under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) to all persons who are 65 years or higher and belonging to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India, instead of restricting it to destitutes.

Effect of NREGS on migrant labour in Punjab

1053. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of implementation of NREGA East-West corridor, the number of migrants from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh has gone down considerably;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.